

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, January 26, 2006

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 26, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton
Arthur Blackwell II (**ABS**)

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
Cmdr. Jamie Fields
Lt. Don Hudson
Lt. Stephen White
Lt. Susan Sedra
Lt. Jeff Romeo
Sgt. Tim Leach
Sgt. Brain Harris
P.O. Sophia Nelms
P.O. Shelly Holderbaum

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Anisley Cromwell, Acting Chief Investigator
Kent Cooper, Police Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Tawanna Morris
William Adams

Media
Sherry Woods

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:20 pm.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, January 19, 2006

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chairperson Ramirez proposed a recommendation to hire Lawrence Akbar as a Police Commission Investigator.

Comm. Holley stated is this a replacement and not a new hire.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that's correct.

Comm. Hampton asked does he have experience?

Chairperson Ramirez stated he was a former employee and his resume is before you.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the recommendation.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTIONS HONORING

Lieutenant Steven P. Livingston

WHEREAS Steven P. Livingston served as a City of Detroit Police Cadet from December 6, 1971 until his appointment with the Detroit Police Department on December 10, 1971. Upon graduation from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer Livingston was assigned to the Tactical Mobile Section; and

WHEREAS On May 1, 1974, Officer Livingston was transferred to the Fourteenth Precinct (currently the Second Precinct) where he worked in various areas of patrol operations; and

WHEREAS On October 3, 1995, Officer Livingston was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Eighth Precinct where he worked as a patrol supervisor; and

WHEREAS On February 6, 2004, Sergeant Livingston was promoted to the Lieutenant and was assigned to the Gaming Section. On December 22, 2004, Lieutenant Livingston returned to the Eighth Precinct where he was the Officer-in-Charge of the Investigative Operations Unit. He remained in that assignment until his retirement on July 30, 2005, after 31 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS During his career, Lieutenant Livingston was the recipient of numerous awards, including 13 Departmental Citations and Medals, 2 Lifesaving Citations, 1 Chief's Merit Award, and 2 Perfect Attendance Awards. He also received letters of appreciation from supervisors and individual citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the loyalty, professionalism, and integrity of Lieutenant Steven Livingston. He is widely regarded and respected throughout the law enforcement community as the consummate professional. His 31 years of selfless service and commitment to the city of Detroit merits our highest regards and best wishes for continued success.

We salute and congratulate you, Lieutenant Steven Livingston.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS /s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
January 26, 2006 Commissioner

MOTION: Comm. Hampton made the motion to approve the recommendation.

SECOND: Comm. Holley seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Sergeant Larry Dicicco

WHEREAS Larry Dicicco served as a City of Detroit Police Cadet from March 8, 1971 until his appointment to the Detroit Police Department on January 8, 1973; and

WHEREAS Upon graduation from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer Dicicco was assigned to the Recruit Training Section. His other assignments as an officer included the Tactical Mobile Section, the Fourteenth Precinct (currently the Second Precinct), the Eighth Precinct, the Twelfth Precinct, and the Narcotics Section; and

WHEREAS Investigator Dicicco was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on February 6, 2004 and assigned to the Sixth Precinct where he remained until his retirement on August 5, 2005; and

WHEREAS During his distinguished career, Sergeant Dickey was the recipient of a Wound Medal, seven Meritorious Awards, three Chief's Merit Awards, two Chief's Unit Awards, and four Perfect Attendance Awards; and

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and for the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of the outstanding commitment and dedication of Sergeant Larry Dickey. His 35 years of selfless public service merits our highest regards and best wishes for continued success.

We salute and congratulate you, Sergeant Larry Dickey.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS /s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
January 26, 2006 Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the recommendation.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Gwendolyn Walters

MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the recommendation.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Ms. Lucille Reed

MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the recommendation.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	30	99
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	27	66

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 0 cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 0 cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned 2 cases to OCI.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement

Homicide

Special points of interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, February 2, 2006
@3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Suite 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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During the period of January 16, 2006 through January 22, 2006, Narcotics / Gang Enforcement conducted 21 search warrants and 13 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 24 Felony arrests
 - 53 Misdemeanor arrests
 - 2 Juveniles detained
 - 328.0 grams of cocaine, 9.1 grams of heroin, 46,036.28 grams of marijuana, street value
 - \$331,725.12
 - \$16,893.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 14 Handguns

On January 16th, officers responded to the 18000 block of Barlow on a "Man Shot," run. An investigation revealed that the mechanic had worked on a man's car and an argument ensued. The mechanic armed with a handgun, shot the man in the chest and stomach. The man was taken to the hospital to be treated and died from his injuries. As a result of this investigation, the man was arrested without incident and charged with "Murder -Second Degree," and "Felony Firearm."

Domestic Violence

On January 17th, officers from the Eastern District responded to the 17000 block of Goulburn on an "Assault with a Knife" run. An investigation revealed a man, assaulted a female and put a knife to her throat when she attempted to leave. The female escaped and was taken to the hospital to be treated for her injuries. Subsequent to the investigation, the man was arrested and charged with "Aggravated Domestic Violence," and "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm." Confiscated were a bat and a knife.



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Police / Community Intervention

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Eastern District

Northeastern District

On January 19th, officers of the Eastern District were in the area of the 12000 block of Kelly when they heard shots fired. Off-

On January 18th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 9000 block of Gratiot on an "Armed Robbery/Carjacking" run. An investigation disclosed a man armed with a



Chief Bully-Cummings stated she wanted the record to reflect the awesome job the police department is doing for the Super Bowl. She wanted to let the Commissioners and the citizens know that the neighborhoods will have more patrol cars because of the twelve-hour shifts.

Comm. Holley asked the Chief what is the department doing to get this out to the community?

Chief Bully-Cummings stated next week she will be interviewed by the media and she will get the message out.

Chairperson Ramirez asked the Chief is it possible for the Commanders of the districts to get this out through email?

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she would want the same message to be distributed, so she will come up with something through the Public Information department.

6. PRESENTATION-TECHNICAL SERVICE BUREAU

Cmdr. Fields introduced his staff from the Civil Rights Section.

Cmdr. Fields presented information on the Civil Rights Section.

(SEE ATTACHMENTS)

The following exchange occurred regarding the presentation:

Chairperson Ramirez asked how often the districts receive those intervention reports.

Cmdr. Fields stated we train every command officer of each district on this information, and we are in the process of training the rest of the department.

Chairperson Ramirez asked where the officers get their intervention training within the department?

Cmdr. Fields stated the district Deputy Chief or the Commander needs to come up with some intervention training for their officers.

Comm. Holley asked can you explain the training again?

Cmdr. Fields stated maybe we should not use the word training, but we do a presentation to the community and the schools about the Consent Decree.

Comm. Holley asked do you keep a record of the training or presentations?

Cmdr. Fields stated yes.

Comm. Holley asked do you wait for people to invite you to do a presentation or do you initiate the presentation?

Cmdr. Fields stated we do both.

Comm. Holley asked have you thought about putting it on the government channel.

Cmdr. Fields stated he would talk to DC Tate about it.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that's a good idea. We probably need to do it simultaneously with the monitor's report. She stated for this last monitor's report, the **Detroit Free Press** did a "brief", which was very limited and not so negative. The **Detroit News** did a huge article that was very negative. The citizens of Detroit need some balance on issues such as this. The other thing we can do is to get Cmdr. Fields on your radio show.

Comm. Holley stated if he and Comm. Hampton have the correct information, they can get it put in the **Michigan Chronicle**.

Cmdr. Fields stated he agrees we need to get our story out.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated in addition to the fee for the monitor, we also pay for all copies of documents and the manpower hours, as well as the shipping. This is a very expensive process.

Comm. Okdie asked Cmdr. Fields if he was able to produce some of the documents onto CD's?

Cmdr. Fields stated yes.

Comm. Okdie asked when you scan these documents do you keep an archive?

Chairperson Ramirez asked are all the districts following the same procedures on audits?

Cmdr. Fields stated yes.

Cmdr. Fields stated yes, we strive for consistency. We send out Inspectors to the entire district to do quick audits to see if something is wrong within that district.

Chairperson Ramirez asked do they check to see if the officers are carrying the pamphlets?

Cmdr. Fields stated yes.

Comm. Holley asked Cmdr. Fields to tell the Board where are we with the Consent Decree.

Cmdr. Fields stated each compliance is different. Every quarter he is optimistic that they will be in compliance. There are a lot of parts to it. He stated once they get into compliance all of the parts will fall into place.

Comm. Holley asked is there a letter from the monitor that states how we are doing?

Cmdr. Fields stated we get a monitor's report and the report card.

Comm. Holley asked how much learning from the Consent Decree are you going to utilize for training for new officers?

Cmdr. Fields stated they would integrate this 100%. He stated they teach every enrollment class at the academy this same presentation.

Comm. Hampton asked is the Civil Rights department only confined to the Consent Decree?

Cmdr. Fields stated our job is to be a conduit to the Consent Decree. After the Consent Decree is over we will still be doing these things.

Comm. Hampton asked how many people does your staff consist of?

Cmdr. Fields stated there are fifteen (15) auditors and ten (10) support staff.

Comm. Hampton asked how many are females?

Cmdr. Fields stated about 75% to 80% are females.

Comm. Hampton asked how many are here today?

Chief Bully-Cummings stated under the office of Civil Rights, he (Cmdr Fields) has planning, and risk assessment all under his division.

Chairperson Ramirez asked is the IMAS system up and running?

Cmdr. Fields stated yes.

Chairperson Ramirez asked have you shared any information with OCI?

Cmdr. Fields stated he was not sure.

A.C. Cromwell stated there has been some communication with risk assessment.

Chairperson Ramirez asked has OCI utilized much of the information?

Cmdr. Fields stated there has been some sharing of information.

Comm. Holley asked A.C. Cromwell has OCI been given the same presentation?

A.C. Cromwell stated no.

Cmdr. Fields stated that everyone would be given this presentation. We have used OCI database for the top 10 citizen complaints. As we speak, their database is more important because they have historical data.

Comm. Holley stated that OCI should have the same presentation that the Board had. OCI needs to know how they are affected by the Consent Decree.

Cmdr. Fields stated many of the paragraphs involve OCI. He stated he trained all of the members of OCI on Garrity protocol about two (2) weeks ago.

Comm. Holley asked A.C. Cromwell was he present at that training?

A.C. Cromwell stated yes.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated their training is more substantive than the overview that you received today. We are trying to take OCI's information and drop it into our database.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that's why she asked was the information being shared. She stated we are keeping stats on the sustained cases, but a particular officer may have twenty-five (25) complaints. That should raise a red flag to that district through the IMAS system.

Cmdr. Fields stated that more complaints are coming in like that.

Chairperson Ramirez stated we hope officers understand that we are not trying to push them out of the door. If we can catch them in the early warning stage, we can help.

Cmdr. Fields stated we are here to help save careers.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 2, 2006 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

9. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

A.C. Cromwell stated OCI did not receive any complaints from the auto show this year.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how long does a citizen have to make a complaint?

A.C. Cromwell stated officially, there is no time frame, but usually we receive them within seven (7) days.

Chairperson Ramirez stated for the record OCI had their investigators at the auto show to observe and monitor.

Comm. Holley stated we need to tell our own story instead of waiting for the media to do it.

Chairperson Ramirez asked the Chief if they have a communication person?

Chief Bully-Cummings stated we do and the good news is no news when it comes to the police department. She stated we need to have more forums to get the message out. She stated she would send out a Teletype after the Super Bowl to let the officers know what a great job they did. She stated they do have a public information office that is supervised by DC Tate who also is responsible for the joint information center for the Super Bowl.

Comm. Okdie asked what will prevent the Board from during a press release about the positive job that the department is doing?

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department welcomes all of the positive information about a great job they are doing.

Comm. Okdie stated the Board should do it after the Super Bowl.

Lt. Hudson stated he was at a Winter Blast meeting and the media praised the department for a wonderful job they had done for the Auto Show. He stated to the media this is what we do all the time because we have events like the fireworks, Thanksgiving Day Parade, to name a few.

Chairperson Ramirez asked will the investigators be monitoring the Super Bowl and do they have credentials.

Exec. Dir Goss stated they will be monitoring the perimeter, but they don't have credentials.

Chairperson Ramirez stated the OCI investigators will be outside and around the area.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that she is confused because you have to have credentials to be in certain areas.

A.C. Cromwell stated we will be in the downtown area like the Winter Blast and riding in our cars monitoring.

R. Scott stated he had an incident with a security guard for the Auto Show about getting credentials for one of his staff. He called the police officer to help mediate the situation, but they told him that it was a civil matter.

Comm. Holley asked did all of your people have credentials?

R. Scott stated all of them except the one person that we needed. He is an African American that speaks German.

Comm. Holley asked was it in the process or denied?

R. Scott stated it was in the process, but we had asked for these credentials two months ago.

Chairperson Ramirez asked was it a security guard or a police officer?

R. Scott stated he was head of security for the Auto Show.

Chairperson Ramirez asked Mr. Scott did he want to file a complaint?

R. Scott stated no, he wanted to raise the issue of the civil matter and the training of officers as mediators.

Comm. Okdie stated you just wanted them to mediate the situation.

R. Scott stated that's absolutely correct.

Comm. Okdie stated it sound like he wasn't trying to triumph anyone it was just to get some mediation from the officers.

R. Scott stated exactly.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated to the Commissioner and to Mr. Scott that the officers mediate on a daily basis. She stated true mediation requires training and certain steps have to be taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb